

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 15 and 16 and amend claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 18 and 21 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An electrical plug protector for use on an electrical plug with a cord, comprising:

~~at least first and second enclosure portions~~an enclosure portion with members moveable between an open position and a closed position;

~~an external~~ cord tethering portion for detachably engaging the cord, associated with at least one of said ~~enclosure portions~~members and configured for substantially encircling the cord; and

when in said closed position, said enclosure portion completely encloses said plug for preventing unwanted engagement of the plug with a socket and is configured to be openable without the use of tools.

2. (Currently Amended) The electrical plug protector of claim 1 wherein said enclosure portion includes at least two of said members.

3. (Previously Presented) The electrical plug protector of claim 1 wherein said open position is configured to make the plug accessible.

4. (Currently Amended) The electrical plug protector of claim 1 wherein said cord tethering portion is provided with a clasp configured for detachably ~~engaging~~ encircling the cord.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The electrical plug protector of claim 2 wherein said members are latchable to each other.

7. (Previously Presented) The electrical plug protector of claim 2 wherein said electrical plug protector includes a top portion, side portions, and a base.

8. (Previously Presented) The electrical plug protector of claim 7 wherein said enclosure is configured to taper on said side portions towards said cord tethering portion to conform to an overall shape of the plug.

9. (Currently Amended) The electrical plug protector of claim 8 1 wherein said tethering portion is configured to ~~attach to~~ move slidably along the cord independent of said ~~side portions~~ members being in said open or said closed position.

10. (Previously Presented) The electrical plug protector of claim 2 wherein at least one member has a solid outer wall.

11. (Previously Presented) The electrical plug protector of claim 6 further including at least one latch forming a male connection piece on one of said members and configured to be latchable to a corresponding female formation located on a second of said members.

12. (Previously Presented) The electrical plug protector of claim 7 wherein said members are connected to each other by at least one hinge.

13. (Previously Presented) The electrical plug protector of claim 12 wherein said at least one hinge is located at said base of said plug protector.

14. (Previously Presented) The electrical plug protector of claim 12 wherein said at least one hinge is located at one of said side portions of said plug protector.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) The electrical plug protector of claim 4 wherein said cord tethering portion includes at least one securing member hingedly connected to a fixed member.

18. (Currently Amended) An electrical plug protector for use on an electrical plug with a cord, comprising:

an enclosure portion including at least two members each defined by a top portion, side portions, and a base, said members moveable between an open position and a closed position;

a an external cord tethering portion for detachably ~~engaging~~ encircling the cord associated with said enclosure portion;

said enclosure portion is configured to taper on said side portions towards said cord tethering portion to substantially conform to the overall shape of the plug thereby ~~containing only one plug~~ allowing the enclosure to contain only the plug of a plug-socket connection;

a hinge mechanism connecting said members to each other; and

when in said closed position, said enclosure portion completely encloses said plug for preventing unwanted engagement of the plug with a socket and is configured to be openable without the use of tools.

19. (Previously Presented) The electrical plug protector of claim 18 wherein said hinge mechanism is located on said base of said plug protector.

20. (Previously Presented) The electrical plug protector of claim 18 wherein said hinge mechanism is located on one of said side portions of said plug protector.

21. (Currently Amended) An electrical plug protector for use on an electrical plug with a cord, comprising:

an enclosure portion with members moveable between an open position and a closed position;

said enclosure portion includes at least two members each defined by a top portion, side portions, and a base;

~~said members when in said closed position require a sufficient squeeze force to prevent actuation by young children;~~

~~said enclosure is configured to taper on side portions towards said cord tethering portion to conform to the overall shape of the plug;~~

a an external cord tethering portion for detachably engaging encircling the cord associated with said enclosure portion;

said enclosure portion is configured to taper on said side portions towards said cord tethering portion to substantially conform to the overall shape of the plug thereby ~~containing only one plug~~ allowing the enclosure to contain only the plug of a plug-socket connection;

said enclosure portion substantially restricts axial, lateral and horizontal movement of said cord and plug;

a clasp located at said tethering portion for detachably ~~engaging~~encircling the cord, thereby allowing the enclosure portion to move slideably along the cord when said clasp is in a locked position and the enclosure portion is in the open position; and

~~wherein~~when in said closed position, said enclosure portion completely encloses said plug for preventing unwanted engagement of the plug with a socket and is configured to be openable without the use of tools.